

## 1 **The Cross and the Prophecies of Daniel and Revelation - Part 2**

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### 2 **Review**

1. What is necessary for us to understand the prophecies of Daniel?  
The eye single to God's glory  
No confidence in ourselves

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2. Understood as they ought to be, all scripture testifies of...?  
"Testify of Me" (John 5:39)

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3. What does the metaphor of "the foundation" teach us about:  
a. The foundation itself?  
Jesus Christ, His word  
b. Laying the foundation?  
Accepting Christ (gospel, cross) as the basis for one's life

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c. Building on the foundation?  
Making life's choices built on the living Christ

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4. What was the role of Christ in Luke 24 that we are told is continuing from the Holy of Holies?  
Educator, Instructor

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5. What is the heart of the 1888 message?  
Christ and Him crucified  
What He has accomplished (birth, life, death, resurrection)

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6. Does the 1888 message deal only with building on the foundation?  
No, it identifies the foundation first, then lays it in ones life, and only then teaches one to build upon it

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7. Does Daniel's prophecies point to both the first and the second comings as the way the fourth kingdom comes to its end, and God's everlasting kingdom is set up?  
Yes, both are the supernatural ("without hands") means by which a system that will last forever is restored to this earth.

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8. What is the way in Daniel that is given to prepare for God's everlasting kingdom?  
Learn Nebuchadnezzar's lesson  
Understand why Babylon is fallen, why the earthly kingdoms can't last  
Accept the covenant that Messiah confirmed with His own blood, that for which He was broken

### 11 **Revelation**

We want to consider today the meaning of the progression seen in Revelation, to what it leads.  
We noticed yesterday that Revelation builds to the same point that Daniel's prophecies did:

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Re 11:15 "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

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This sounding of the seventh angel is the seventh trumpet.  
Let do a quick overview of Revelation as I perceive it, to give a setting to this amazing conclusion.

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Remember the question Ellen White posed to E. J. Waggoner about how to grow us up from being babes in understanding this book:

"How may we most clearly comprehend and present the gospel that Christ came in person to present to John on the isle of Patmos--the gospel that is termed 'the Revelation of Jesus Christ'?" (12MR212)

15 ☐ **Rev. 1**

The Revelation of Jesus begins clearly in the setting of the temple in heaven with Christ walking among the candlesticks, which are in the first apartment.

16 ☐ **Rev. 2 & 3**

The messages to the seven churches (first of four series of sevens: churches, seals, trumpets, plagues) deals with the issues of church purity and apostasy, of trials and overcoming. The most stupendous reward for overcoming is that for the seventh church (Laodicea = that which is "judged"): to sit with Christ on His throne.

17 ☐ **Rev. 4**

From here the setting shifts northward to the throne, at the site of the table of showbread, "in the sides of the north" (Isa. 14:13).

18 ☐ **Rev. 5 & 6**

Here the series of seven seals speak also of purity and apostasy, of trials and overcoming. The sixth seal speaks of the day of God's wrath, of hiding, and asks who will be able to stand.

19 ☐ **Rev. 7**

We next see the forces of turmoil being restrained while a group is prepared to stand, sealed for God and for eternity.

These first two settings thus show the South-North axis of the heavenly sanctuary.

20 ☐ **Rev. 8**

In the culmination of the seals in the seventh we see the silence of an awesome event, the ending of the intercession as the censor is cast, and Calvary-like responses to the accomplishment by God of a great feat--voices, thunder, lightning, and an earthquake.

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And with the reference to the altar of incense, the setting again moves, this time into the East-West axis of the temple.

22 ☐ **Rev. 9**

Here the seven trumpets sound in warning to the world, with woes on its inhabitants. The sixth trumpet looses those restrained forces mentioned under the sixth seal, but there is no repentance.

23 ☐ **Rev. 10**

In contrast, during this period when time is no more, God has His agents, faithful through disappointment and persecution.

24 ☐ **Rev. 11**

The seventh trumpet announces the time of God's wrath, during which the mystery of God is finished. This is the time of judgment, to reward the righteous and to destroy the wicked. And it is here that the setting moves for a final time, with the temple opened to the place of the ark.

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In this westward move, the focus is in the most holy place, with its awesome, yearly ministry. And again with the location change occurring under the seventh of the series, the portents of a great event are depicted--lightning, voices, thunder, an earthquake, and hail.

26 ☐ **Rev. 12 & 13**

Before the final series of seven are shown, we have a delineation of the wicked which are to be destroyed. The three great powers of wickedness are outlined--the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, especially in their relation to God's people.

27 ☐ **Rev. 14**

Then the people of God are described, with their last day message and their being reaped--the cryptic first mention of the reward proclaimed in the seventh trumpet. The wicked as people are then reaped for wrath.

28 ☐ **Rev. 15 & 16**

Then follows an outline of the final seven series, the plagues of wrath and judgment, in the setting of the opened temple which is inaccessibly filled with smoke. In the sixth plague the three unclean spirits of devils coming from the three great powers of wickedness gather the world to the final battle.

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The seventh plague again declares a completion, "It is done." The awful concurring events again are described-- voices, thunder, lightning, an earthquake, and hail.

30 ☐ **Rev. 17 & 18**

In a further view of the outcome of judgment, we see a description with an internal collapse of the powers of evil, corporately named Babylon, pictured as an impure woman.

31 ☐ **Rev. 19**

In contrast to this spiritual whore, the Lamb's bride is introduced and the marriage supper announced.

32 ☐ **Rev. 20**

But first the external obliteration is explained of the three powers of wickedness and the people identified with them. With the eradication of sin in the persons of unrepentant and unrestored rebels, the consequences of sin are likewise incinerated, death and hell.

33 ☐ **Rev. 21 & 22**

And then is ushered in the glorious scene of the reward of the righteous, the marriage supper of the Lamb, and the intimate oneness of God with His people, face to face. Here, in this city, there is no more need for a temple, for man and God are finally, fully reconciled, judgment and restoration complete.

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Can we not echo John's exuberant exclamation, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

35 ☐ **From Daniel**

John is told, borrowing clear language from Daniel's prophetic overview, that it is under the seventh trumpet that "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord." (Rev. 11:15)

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But in this trumpet series we are also told other significant events under this seventh trumpet:  
"The temple of God was opened in heaven" to reveal the Most Holy Place containing "the ark of the covenant."  
(Rev. 11:19)

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And it is "in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Rev. 10:7)

38 ☐ **Mystery of God**

What is this "mystery of God"?  
How does it relate to the cross?  
What connection does it have to the everlasting kingdom of God?

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Mr 4:11 "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the **mystery** of the **kingdom** of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables."

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The disciples were commissioned to preach of the kingdom nigh at hand. This meant they were "given to know the mystery" of this kingdom.  
But observe how Christ used this same word "know" for what they did and did not yet know.

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The events of the triumphal entry:  
Joh 12:16 "These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him."

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The washing of Peter's feet:

Joh 13:7 "Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

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The identity of Christ:

Joh 17:7 "Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee."

Joh 17:8 "For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me."

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Without knowing the identity of Christ, they would have not been able even to be His disciples. Understanding Christ's divinity and humanity was the basis of "the mystery of the kingdom of God."

The things they did not understand, they would learn later, as we noted, after they learned self-distrust.

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But their slowness perhaps hampered their full usefulness, and led God to turn to the apostle who was "born out of due time" (1Cor. 15:8), to write most about this mystery.

Observe Paul's statements regarding (1) the time element, (2) what had been done with this mystery; (3) what it is, (4) its effect:

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Ro 16:25 "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my **gospel**, and the **preaching of Jesus Christ**, according to the **revelation of the mystery**, which was kept secret since the world began."

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Secret since the world began

Revelation of the mystery

Gospel = Preaching of Jesus Christ

-> Stablish you

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1Co 2:7 "But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory."

Ordained before the world

We speak

-> Unto our glory

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Eph 1:9, 10 "Having made known unto us the **mystery** of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: that in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him."

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Made know unto us

-> Gather together in one all things in Christ

51 ☐

Eph 3:3-9 "How that by revelation he made known unto me the **mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the **mystery** of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy **apostles and prophets** by the Spirit;

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"that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

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"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles **the unsearchable riches of Christ**; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the **mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."

54 ☐

In other ages not made known

Made know unto me; now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets

Peach the unsearchable riches of Christ

-> the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, in Christ by the gospel

55 ☐

Eph 5: 31, 32 "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great **mystery**: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

Christ and the church

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Col 1: **25-2:3** "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; even the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

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"to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this **mystery** among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

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"whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

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"that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the **mystery** of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

60 ☐

Hid from ages and from generations

Now made manifest to His saints

Make known the riches of the glory of this mystery

Christ in you the hope of glory

-> Present every man perfect in Christ, knit together in love

61 ☐

1Ti 3:16 "And without controversy great is the **mystery** of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

God manifest, justified, seen, preached, believed, received

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Just as the kingdom of God is opposed by the kingdoms of this world, so the mystery of God is opposed by another mystery:

2Th 2:7 "For the **mystery** of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way."

Vs. 4 "opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God"

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Re 17:5 "And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY**, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

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Re 17:7 "And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the **mystery** of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns."

18 "has a kingdom over the kings of the earth"

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Can we see in the two mysteries revealed, "the two principles that are contending for supremacy," "the two antagonistic motives" that determine our eternal destiny, and the kingdom of God in contrast to the kingdoms of this world?

66  **Cross in Revelation**

The word "lamb" occurs in 27 verses in Revelation. These are clear references to the cross, the mystery of God revealed, and to the very basis of God's kingdom. Look at six of them:

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Re 5:6 "And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."

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Re 7:9 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."

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Re 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

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Re 13:8 "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

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Re 14:1 "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."

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Re 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

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The "blood" of this Lamb is mentioned in 4 verses in addition to Rev. 12:11:

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Re 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

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Re 5:9 "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

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Re 7:14 "And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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Re 19:13 "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."

78  **The Mystery and 1888**

Ellen White:

"...The sinner is constantly being drawn to Jesus by the wonderful manifestation of His love in that He humiliated Himself to die a shameful death upon the cross. What a study is this! Angels have striven, earnestly longed, to look into this wonderful mystery.

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"It is a study that can tax the highest human intelligence, that man, fallen, deceived by Satan, taking Satan's side of the question, can be conformed to the image of the Son of the infinite God--that man shall be like Him, that, because of the righteousness of Christ given to man, God will love man, fallen but redeemed, even as He loved His Son. Read it right out of the living oracles.

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"This is the mystery of godliness. This picture is of the highest value. It is to be meditated upon, placed in every discourse, hung in memory's hall, uttered by human lips, and traced by human beings who have tasted and

known that the Lord is good. It is to be the groundwork of every discourse.

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"There have been dry theories presented and precious souls are starving for the bread of life. This is not the preaching that is required or that the God of heaven will accept, for it is Christless. The divine picture of Christ must be kept before the people. He is that Angel standing in the sun of heaven. He reflects no shadows.

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"Clothed in the attributes of Deity, shrouded in the glories of Deity, and in the likeness of the infinite God, He is to be lifted up before men. When this is kept before the people, creature merit sinks into insignificance. The more the eye looks upon Him, the more His life, His lessons, His perfection of character are studied, the more sinful and abhorrent will sin appear.

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"By beholding, man can but admire and become more attracted to Him, more charmed, and more desirous to be like Jesus until he assimilates to His image and has the mind of Christ. Like Enoch he walks with God. His mind is full of thoughts of Jesus. He is his best Friend." {1888 pp. 212, 213}

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A. T. Jones:

"This great truth of the priesthood, ministry, and sanctuary of Christianity is not to be hid forever from the eyes of the church and the world. The mystery of iniquity arose and so hid from the world the mystery of God that all the world followed it wondering. Rev. 13:3,4.

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"But the day comes when the mystery of iniquity shall be exposed, and the mystery of God in its own truth and purity shall shine forth once more, never more to be hid, but to accomplish its great purpose and be completely finished." (The Consecrated Way, p. 104)

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"At that time there would be broken up the horror of great darkness by which the mystery of iniquity had hid from ages and generations the mystery of God.

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"At that time the sanctuary and the true tabernacle and the truth of it would be lifted up from the ground where the man of sin had cast them down and stamped upon them and would be exalted to the heaven where they belong and whence they will shine forth in such light as that the earth shall be lightened with the glory.

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"At that time the transcendent truth of the priesthood and ministry of Christ would be rescued from the oblivion to which the abomination and transgression of desolation had consigned it and would once more and forever stand in its true and heavenly place in the faith of the church,

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"accomplishing in every true believer that perfection which is the eternal purpose of God which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Ibid, p. 112)

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"The cleansing of the sanctuary and the finishing of the mystery of God are identical as to time and are also so closely related as to be practically identical in character and event." (Ibid., p. 113)

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E. J. Waggoner

"The words of Paul to the Philippians, 'Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling' are often quoted by those who forget the words immediately following, 'For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.' Phil. 2:12, 13.

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"God Himself does the good works which when exhibited in the lives of men, render them pleasing to Him. So the Saviour said: 'But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.' John 3:21. How, then, do they appear in men?

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"This is the 'mystery of godliness.' It is the mystery of 'God manifest in the flesh.' 'In the beginning was the

Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' 'And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.' John 1:1, 14.

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"This was done to demonstrate the possibility of God's dwelling in human flesh. The mystery of the works of God being manifested in the lives of men, is simply the mystery of the incarnation." (Good Works, p. 7)

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What is true for Head, becomes true for His body, as His people choose to identify fully with Him, in response to seeing how He has identified with them.

96  **Summary**

"Christ could have done nothing during His earthly ministry in saving fallen man if the divine had not been blended with the human. The limited capacity of man cannot define this wonderful mystery--the blending the two natures, the divine and the human. It can never be explained. Man must wonder and be silent.

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"And yet man is privileged to be a partaker of the divine nature, and in this way he can to some degree enter into the mystery. This wonderful exhibition of God's love was made on the cross of Calvary. Divinity took the nature of humanity, and for what purpose?--That through the righteousness of Christ humanity might partake of the divine nature.

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"This union of divinity and humanity, which was possible with Christ, is incomprehensible to human minds. The wonderful things to take place in our world--the greatest events of all ages--are incomprehensible to worldly minds; they cannot be explained by human sciences. The powers of heaven shall be shaken.

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"Christ is coming in power and great glory, but His coming is not such a mystery as the things to take place before that event. Man must be a partaker of the divine nature in order to stand in this evil time, when the mysteries of satanic agencies are at work.

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"Only by the divine power united with the human can souls endure through these times of trial. Says Christ, 'Without me ye can do nothing.' Then there must be far less of self and more of Jesus." {1888 332.1}

101  **Appeal**

Do you want to enter into the mystery of God:

- ◆To be established (fixed)
- ◆To receive of His glory (self-sacrificing love)
- ◆To have Christ dwelling in you
- ◆To be knit together in love

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